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SUBJECT:MONTREUX CONVENTION AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

REF: ANKARA 1740

1. GREEK EMBASSY (KATSEREAS) ASKED DEPT. APRIL 27 ABOUT  
UNSPECIFIED TURKISH PRESS REPORT INDICATING USG INTENDED  
TO SEEK REVISION OF MONTREUX CONVENTION.

2. DEPTOFFS (PM AND EUR) REPLIED WE UNAWARE OF SUCH  
PRESS REPORTS BUT WOULD CHARACTERIZE THEM AS WHOLLY  
INACCURATE. WE NOTED THAT ARTICLE 29 OF MONTREUX CONVEN-  
TION PROVIDES THAT ONLY PARTIES TO CONVENTION MAY INITIATE  
PROPOSALS TO AMEND OR REVISE IT AND THAT USG IS NOT A  
PARTY. MOREOVER, (WITH CAVEAT THAT USG HAD REACHED NO  
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CONCLUSIONS ON THIS AND RELATED QUESTIONS) IT WOULD

APPEAR THAT ANY EFFORT TO AMEND CONVENTION AT THIS TIME  
WOULD PRIMARILY BENEFIT SOVIET UNION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, WE ACKNOWLEDGED DEPT. NOW  
ASSESSING IMPLICATIONS OF EVENTUAL PASSAGE OF KIEV CLASS  
CARRIERS THROUGH STRAITS. WE NOTED LEGAL ASPECTS OF SUCH  
PASSAGE UNDER CONVENTION ARE COMPLEX AND AMBIGUOUS BUT

CAUTIONED OUR REVIEW STILL IN EARLY STAGES.

4. FOR ANKARA: TO ASSIST WASHINGTON REVIEW, WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE FURTHER REPORTS OF TURKISH ATTITUDES ON  
EXTENSION/REVISION OF CONVENTION OR IMPENDING PASSAGE OF  
KIEV CLASS CARRIERS. OF COURSE, WE PREFER YOU TO  
DEVELOP INFO IN ROUTINE CONTACTS WITHOUT REVEALING GREEK  
INTEREST. SISCO

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